

**Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2025**

Present: Christine Bishof (ISMS), Susan Fuchs, (NAEMSP), Tina Glim (DSCC), Sheree Hammond (DCFS), Kelly Jones (EMSC/IDPH), Jason Kegg (IDPH/EMSC PI), Nancy Lewis (Trauma Nurse Coordinator), Evelyn Lyons (EMSC/IDPH), Molly Moran (ANA-Illinois), Teresa Riech, **Chair** (ICAAP), Miranda Scott (School Health Program, IDPH), Michael Wahl (Illinois Poison Center), James Weaver (IFCA), Kelly Weaver (Illinois ENA)

Non-board member attendees: Danielle Albinger, Linda Angarola, Patrick Dolan (Chair, EMSC Facility Recognition Committee), Myto Duong (Co-Chair, EMSC Pediatric Prehospital Committee), Stephanie Hanson, Shannon Hoop, Cassandra ‘CJ’ Morris (Vice Chair, Pediatric Preparedness Workgroup), Melanie Saunders, Bobby VanBebber

Excused: John Collins, **Vice Chair** (Illinois EMT Assn), Amy Crane (Co-Chair, Pediatric Prehospital Committee), Amy Hill (SafeKids), George Paul (ICEP), Kathy Swafford (ICAAP)

Absent: Susan Agrawal (The Arc of Illinois - family rep), Lavanya Boddu (IAFP), Kimberly Pate Godden (ISAA), Joseph Hageman (ICAAP), Rytis Juzolenas (AFFI), Dan Luthi (American Red Cross, IL Chapter), Michael McCarter (EMS System Coordinator), Theresa Martinez (Pediatric Rehab representative), Deon Myles (DCFS)

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Call to Order	Teresa Riech called the meeting to order at 10:02am. This meeting was held via WebEx/teleconference. All were welcomed.	None
Introductions	Names of all in attendance will be based on the WebEx attendee list. It was noted that Melanie Saunders has been nominated by IHA as their candidate to represent IHA on the board, however her board appointment is still undergoing the IDPH Governmental Affairs approval process.	None
Review of 3/14/2025 Minutes	The March 14, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed. Christine Bishof motioned for approval of the meeting minutes; Sue Fuchs seconded the motion. All board members in attendance agreed to approve the minutes.	Minutes approved.
Announcements/ Updates	Dr Riech reviewed the following updates/publications. She particularly noted that their hospital and others are working to update their Infectious Disease policies, making measles resources available and educate staff. PPN and IDPH websites have measles resources available. Dr Riech also noted difficulty in reviewing the MAHA report which has identified credibility issues/non-existent sources; priorities are also not aligned with AAP. She reviewed an AAP rebuttal and noted the need to provide sound medical guidance to the public re best medical standards. ▪ June is National Safety Month, which provides an opportunity to focus on safety practices for children in the home, car, and during other activities ▪ Measles resources handouts: ○ <i>Recognizing Measles in Your Patients</i> information poster from the PPN ○ <i>Measles FAQ</i> from the PPN ○ <u>IDPH Measles Webpage</u> ▪ <i>A Descriptive Analysis of the Reliability of the Broselow Tape for Use in the US Pediatric Trauma Population. A Trauma Quality Improvement Program Study.</i> Pediatric Emergency Care ();10.1097/PEC.0000000000003362, May 29, 2025. DOI: 10.1097/PEC.0000000000003362 ▪ 2025 Broselow Tape recall – due to some errors, the 2025 Broselow tapes are being recalled ▪ <i>Advances and Challenges in Pediatric Sepsis Diagnosis: Integrating Early Warning Scores and Biomarkers for</i>	Board members are asked to share this information within their respective organizations and communities, as applicable.

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	<i>Improved Prognosis</i>. Biomolecules. 2025 Jan 14;15(1):123. doi: 10.3390/biom15010123 ▪ HHS Administrator’s report, <i>Making America Healthy Again (MAHA)</i>. Released 5/22. The report is posted at https://www.whitehouse.gov/maha/. The direct link to the pdf for download is at https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/WH-The-MAHA-Report-Assessment.pdf ▪ Open board positions that are pending: ○ Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) ○ Illinois Health & Hospital Assn (IHA) – Melanie Sanders, MSN, RN is pending appointment ○ Child Advocate Group ▪ Other organizational reports/updates – Kelly noted that she is still fielding questions regarding the CANTS child abuse reporting form. Sheree Hammond from DCFS noted that she will look into this.	Board members are asked to share this information within their organizations and communities, as applicable.
Advisory Board SPOTLIGHT	No Advisory Board Spotlight provided at this meeting.	NA
IDPH, Division of EMS & Highway Safety Report	Division of EMS report (Kelly Jones) ▪ <i>Division Update Report</i> ○ EMS System plans are still being submitted with a due date of August 1, 2025. ○ The NREMT exam pass rate has increased to 69%. ○ Congrats to Silver Cross Hospital’s EMS program which celebrated their 50th anniversary this year; and Lake County EMA was recognized as top EMA in state of Illinois. ○ EMS Week celebration completed; included governor proclamations for EMS Week and EMSC Day. ○ Prime Mercy Hospital in Aurora is no longer a Level II Trauma Center. • EMSC State Partnership Grant contracts ○ Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) grant project update – They still plan to conduct an in-person symposium in Southern and North/Central Illinois. Also plans to conduct webinars on youth drug trends and youth suicide are underway. ○ University of Illinois contract (Pediatric Quality Improvement module series) – Dr Raghavan and her team at UIC conducted this online 3-part series on pediatric quality improvement. Over 100 attendees. The modules are now being prepared for upload to the PublicHealthLearning platform. ○ University of Illinois contract (Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Project) – This contract is being concluded effective July 25, 2025 due to grant funding reduction. • 2025 Annual Midwest EMSC Symposium – Fall session dates tentative in October; plans for PECC panels.	FYI
PCCC/EDAP/ SEDP Updates	Kelly Jones provided the following updates: ▪ <i>Region 11</i> ▪ Approval letters have been sent out. ▪ Rush University Medical Center is newly recognized as a Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC). ▪ Postponed hospital survey was conducted yesterday on June 5, 2025. ▪ One new EDAP application received; their survey is anticipated in late August/early September 2025. ▪ <i>Regions 1 & 10</i> ○ Surveys are currently underway. ○ One hospital in Region 1 withdrew from EDAP; a Region 10 hospital requested survey postponement. ▪ <i>Region 9</i> ○ Their renewal applications are due June 4, 2025 ○ Site survey visits are anticipated in the Fall 2025	FYI

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	▪ Regions 3 & 6 ○ Planning has begun for their facility recognition educational sessions; anticipate late Sept/early Oct ○ One new EDAP site survey conducted in April 2025 in Region 6 (new EMS Resource Hospital); they are pending post survey documentation submission. ▪ Current participation in pediatric facility recognition (101 hospitals) ○ PCCC/EDAP level = 12; EDAP level = 77; SEDP level = 12 ▪ Regional QI Committee reports/updates – key highlights ○ Several regions are working to participate in the National Pediatric Readiness Quality Improvement (NPRQI), which supports participation in 6 different pediatric QI monitors. Hospitals register in the program which then provides data reports and the ability to benchmark data findings with like-size hospitals as well as with aggregate data within our state. ○ All regions are continuing work on their pediatric QI projects. Some areas of focus include head injury, behavioral health processes, and respiratory projects. Region 8 has a safety education handout they developed related to water safety. Also some regions have identified upcoming educational conferences that will be discussed at the end of the meeting.	FYI
Federal EMSC Updates	Kelly Jones discussed the following: ▪ The Notice of Award for the FY2026 HRSA State Partnership Grant was received on March 20, 2025. Due to the government continuing resolution, only partial funding (45%) has been approved at this time. ▪ Due to HRSA/EMSC funding issues, the 2025 EMSC/PPN All-Grantee in-person meeting has been cancelled. ▪ State reports are still pending for the 2024 Pediatric Readiness online survey that was conducted of all U.S. EMS agencies that respond to 911 calls.	FYI
Committee Updates	Committee chairs provided the following updates: <i>Pediatric Prehospital Committee (Amy Crane/Myto Duong)</i> ▪ Dr Duong provided an update. Work continues to obtain consensus on the EMS agency pediatric recognition criteria. Minimum criteria defined by the Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program Collaborative (PRRPC) has been released, which is being used as a resource as well as the Federal EMSC performance measures, PRRPC stretch criteria, and recommendations outlined in the AAP/ACEP/ENA Joint technical report. These documents are helping to guide development of the Illinois prehospital recognition program. There will likely be tiered levels, which still need to be defined. <i>Facility Recognition Committee (Patrick Dolan/Kelly Jones)</i> ▪ <i>National Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative (NPRQI)</i> – Working with Liza Hinojosa at NPRQI on best way to display Illinois data. At least 5 hospitals per region need to participate in the NPRQI process in order to display data benchmarking, however currently there aren't enough participating hospitals per EMS Region in our state. Instead, the data will be displayed as a North Region (EMS Regions 1, 7–11) and South Region (EMS Regions 2-6). Approximately 7 hospitals are currently participating with several others interested. ▪ <i>Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program Collaborative (PRRPC)</i> – This collaborative meets monthly and these sessions serve as information sharing venues with state EMSC programs sharing experiences regarding their ED and EMS recognition programs that are either in development or already established. The shared information can assist other states as they develop or revise their programs. Illinois EMSC has presented. ▪ <i>Update on statewide pediatric quality improvement monitor project</i> – Dr Dolan noted that this statewide QI project is focused on assessment, reporting and reassessment of abnormal vital signs in the ED. They have	FYI

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	begun a Redcap survey of those hospitals that have agreed to participate in the pilot. He emphasized that he greatly appreciates Dr Duong and her team’s assistance on this project. More updates soon. Pediatric Preparedness Workgroup (Teresa Riech/Cassandra “CJ” Morris) ▪ <i>Disaster Response Collaborative (DNR)</i> –Teresa Riech noted that the DRC is currently in an 18-month cycle that ends in June 2026. This cycle has 4 focus areas (Surge, Evacuation, Triage/Infection Control/Decontamination, and Reunification), each having their own workgroup. Each participating hospital chooses one of these four areas and joins the corresponding workgroup. OSF Children’s Hospital is participating in the Reunification Workgroup and is gaining insight from organizations that have first-hand experience in this area. Lots of great information and discussion thru the podcasts. There is also a PPN webpage with a catalog of multiple resources, educational modules/materials that are publicly available. She walked thru the PPN webpages to show how the podcasts and various resources can be easily accessed. ▪ Update on grant deliverables and review of online EMSC educational modules <i>School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) course updates:</i> ○ <i>SNEC course</i> – CJ noted that the first SNEC course conducted this summer was held just last week. A few of the new instructor candidates participated by teaching at this course. There are five other courses scheduled over the rest of the summer. Course registration is still open. ○ <i>SNEC Instructor course</i> – Seven instructor candidates completed the instructor course held this spring and will just need to complete their final requirements by teaching at a summer course. CJ is considering hosting a 2nd instructor course for two other nurses interested in becoming instructors. Also, a school nurse from Louisiana who had taken the SNEC course in Illinois in the past is interested in becoming an instructor and bringing the course back to her state. CJ is assisting her in this process. ○ CJ was the keynote speaker at the Illinois School Nurse Summit at SIU in Bloomington recently and spoke on emergency preparedness. There was interest in having a SNEC course in Bloomington in the summer 2026. ○ slide background and images were updated by Dr Riech. Also slide information related to dry decontamination that Mike Wahl developed was added to the module. Susan Fuchs motioned to approve the module with this change and George Paul seconded the motion. All were in agreement with the motion. Modules for review ○ <i>Pediatric Diabetic Ketoacidosis module</i> – CJ reviewed the module revisions/updates, many of which were provided by a pediatric endocrinologist. Updates include: overall PowerPoint slides reformatted, revised citation information; change of diabetic term to “diabetes patient”; emphasized the need to have Mannitol or 3% Hypertonic Saline at the bedside of the patient with cerebral edema; added the word “remaining” re fluid replacement; clarified that at the time of insulin infusion, any indwelling insulin pump needs to be disconnected (not just stopped); in slides that mention measuring blood ketones, verbiage has added urine as “blood and urine ketones”; updated the name/logo of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to Breakthrough T1D. Sue Fuchs motioned to approve the module with these edits and Mike Wahl seconded the motion. All were in agreement with the motion. ○ <i>Disaster Mental Health module</i> – CJ reviewed the revisions which includes: the date and adding the OSF logo; added new last bullet in slide 9; removed the common reactions to disaster by age grouping and condense to one slide; slide 20 now spells out ASD and PTSD to avoid confusion with other similar acronyms; added physical touch information on slides; added a bullet regarding next steps on	FYI These approved revised modules will be forwarded for posting on the PublicHealthLearning website. Please share how to access these modules within your organizations and communities.

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	slide 36; removed medications on slide 44 since this is not a first line goal; update the workgroup composition on slide 62; in the Resources slides, updated PsyStart reference and added the Beacon resource and the Illinois Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative. Sue Fuchs motioned to approve the module with these edits and Mike Wahl seconded the motion.	FYI
Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC) Network	Kelly noted the need to get this initiative kickstarted again, as well as identifying new co-chairs since the previous co-chairs are no longer available due to retirement and other commitments. She shared the draft PCCC Network one-page overview handout that was developed by Evelyn to assist in understanding the goals of this Network. Plans are to reconvene the small workgroup soon, finalize the one-page handout, and then share the finalized document with the PCCCs so they have a better understanding of this initiative.	Board is asked to share the finalized handout and support PCCC Network efforts when established.
Other/ Publications/ Presentations	Teresa Riech and CJ Morris presented (Evelyn Lyons collaborated) at the Illinois Public Health and Health Care Coalition Preparedness Summit on May 8, 2025 at ISU in, Normal. Their presentation was titled <i>Are You Pediatric-Ready? Assessing and Addressing Pediatric Readiness Across the State</i> . Dr Riech reviewed their slideset that outlined state activities related to day-to-day pediatric readiness and pediatric disaster preparedness, identified PedsReady indicators, available resources and how Illinois shines thru our work and facility recognition program.	FYI
Educational Resources	Website access to online Illinois EMSC funded modules - UIC Public Health Learning: https://www.publichealthlearning.com - TRAIN Illinois: https://www.train.org/illinois <u>Other Educational Opportunities</u> <i>Missouri EMSC's Just in Time Training for Prehospital Providers</i>. Virtual training (45 minutes in length) held every other Wed at 1:00pm CT. Illinois providers are welcome. https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/92422813596?pwd=djh3MFo3TTE2NnFnbGVHNDdpdDZDdz09 (Meeting ID: 924 2281 3596 and Passcode: 378302) - TEDCON trauma, emergency, disaster conference. August 28-29, 2025, Embassy Suites, East Peoria. Register here: TEDCON 2025 - Advocate Children's Hospital Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Conference: Advocating Excellence in Transport Medicine 2025. Event date: October 17, 2025. Target Audience: This activity is designed for physicians, advanced practice providers, registered nurses, EMT's, paramedics and respiratory therapists who care for pediatric and neonatal patients. There is early bird pricing of \$100 until June 20th and it goes up to \$140 after that. See flyer for registration QR Code. 6th Annual Children's Hospital Colorado Virtual Pediatric Symposium. Wednesday, October 29, 2025 from 7:45am-3:30pm (MST) via Zoom. Registration will be opening soon via www.childrenscolorado.org/ce. - Subscribe to the EMSCPULSE newsletter - Visit the <i>EMSC Improvement & Innovation Center (EIIC)</i> for toolkits, guidelines, educational videos, action plans, multiple resources.	Share these resources within your organizations.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held at 10:00am - 12:00pm on Friday, September 12, 2025 via WebEx . Kelly asked if there is interest in having a face-to-face meeting in September. Dr Bishof, CJ and Sheree noted they would attend an in-person meeting. Meeting room location will need to be secured. Kelly will send out poll to identify interest.	A meeting reminder will be sent to all board members.
Adjournment	With no further business, a call for adjournment was made. Christine Bishof motioned for adjournment and Sheree Hammond seconded the motion. All were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 11:23am.	Meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes submitted by Evelyn Lyons